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A copy of each document is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English:

a. JP 2003-181555: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 2 of the present application (where it is referred to as Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-379875), and the figures therein.

b. JP 59-61529: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

c. JP 5-508585: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report and the figures therein.

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e. JP 2004-223558: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

f. JP 4-22648-B: The relevance of this document can be understood from the the English language abstract attached thereto, the discussion at page 2 of the present application (where it is referred to as Japanese Patent No. 1,732,924), and the figures therein.

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